

## PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hiroyuki Hyodo  
Serial No.: 09/849,966  
Conf. No.: 9327  
Filed: 05/04/2001  
For: CARBONACEOUS PROTECTIVE  
LAYER, MAGNETIC  
RECORDING MEDIUM,  
PRODUCTION METHOD  
THEREOF, AND MAGNETIC  
DISK APPARATUS  
Art Unit: 1773  
Examiner: Resan, Stevan A.

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	27	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$
Independent Claims	3	3	=	0	x	\$84.00	=	\$
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims						\$280.00	=	\$
				Total Additional Fee				\$ 0.00

**(X) Amendment C.**

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

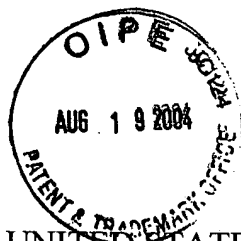
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 14, 2004, please amend the application as follows: